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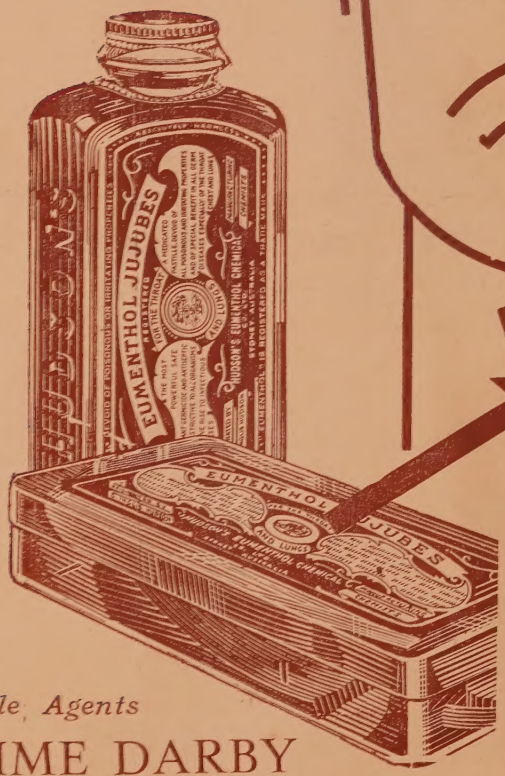

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Aug. 7 Womens' Society Variety Concert, Wesley Church, Singapore.

Aug. 12-19 Chinese and Indian Pastors' School, Kuala Lumpur.

Sept. 3 Wesley Guild annual dinner, Singapore.

Sept. 7 Wesley Guild Service of Worship, Singapore.

Sept. 8 Day Schools re-open.

Sept. 11 Foochow Church (S'pore) Concert, Wesley Hall.

Sept. 15 Opening of the M.M.T.C. 2nd Term.

Oct. 18 Scouts Sultan Shield Competition, Ipoh.

Nov. 21 A.C.S., S'pore. Prize Day Primary and Middle Schools.

Nov. 25-26 A.C.S., S'pore. Handwork Exhibition Primary and Middle Schools.

Nov. 28 A.C.S., S'pore. Games Day Secondary School, Half-holiday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MONTH BY MONTH PROGRAMME

Oct. Temperance.

Nov. 9 Good-Will Sunday.

Dec. 25 Christmas.

PLEASE??

Since last year we have tried to place in this column all the dates of interesting and important events that were to take place in the various centres of our Methodist work. Some centres cooperated in a very fine way and others have paid no attention at all to our requests. The purpose of this column is chiefly this, that any reader can see at a glance what an amazing programme we carry out during the year and what a force Methodism is in this country. Let us know early each month all the dates that may be of general interest regardless of how far in advance they may be.

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EDITORIAL

AS WE CONTRAST OUR democracies with the totalitarian forms of government we are thankful that in a democracy the individual is not repressed. Most of us are, however, unaware that there may be a more subtle danger than that of outright repression and this danger is known as wishful thinking. People want to hear and read what they would like to believe. To tell an unpopular fact to a small or large audience is almost impossible these days, that is, if you wish to keep your standing with them. Wishful thinking can do a vast amount of harm as, for example, the Chamberlain Government only too late discovered. Those who indulge in wishful thinking are not protected against the impact of hard unpleasant developments when these occur.

THE MALADY OF WISHFUL THINKING

William Henry Chamberlain, writing in *Harpers Magazine* for May, vividly exposes this subtle social disease. He reminds us how during the open season for tourists in Russia people wrote the silliest things about that great experiment. Mr. Chamberlain quotes one man as writing in *The Moscow Daily News*, "I have been in Russia forty-eight hours and I *know* that all the stories of famine and forced labour are lies."

The harm of wishful thinking is two-fold. There is first of all the psychological let-down in the individual when he discovers that his emotional investment has gone bankrupt. Secondly, wishful thinking helps to create an extremely misinformed body of public opinion. We hate to admit, even to ourselves, that we have been fooled and it is much easier to fool a person than to clear up the error afterward.

Most British and American people have indulged in wishful thinking in regard to the war between Japan and China. We have eagerly believed the so-called prophets, who with their figures and statistics, proved that on such-and-such a date Japan would run out of oil, or gold, or raw materials, and then "collapse." But on the 5th of June we marked the close of four long years of war and the end is still not in sight.

This same thing was true in regard to France. Wishful thinking was in full bloom there as to the course of the coming war before and after it began. No doubt the most vivid example of this kind of thinking was the wide-spread conviction in America that the present war would be a walk-over for the Allies. There was a strong American aversion to Hitler and all of his works and thus it was an easy step to believe that Hitler *must* lose.

Mr. Chamberlain says that "Wishful thinking is a recurrent if not incurable disease. . . . The sufferer is faced with a disagreeable choice and clings against the evidence of all his senses to the hope that there may be an easier way out. . . . Wishful thinking is the accompaniment of a too soft and sheltered attitude toward life. . . . It is in the same category with the postponement of a necessary operation, of an overdue session in the dental chair. It removes no difficulties and solves no problems; it only puts off the final reckoning to a later date with heavy compound interest. . . . In normal times wishful thinking is just a sloppy habit that does just the same amount of harm to the victim that he would experience from an educational system that made everything easy by neglecting essential facts and discipline."

"But in a period of great crisis and swift change wishful thinking becomes one of the most dangerous diseases from which a democracy can suffer. The wishful thinker more or less deliberately shuts his eyes to the visible shape of things to come. He is always doing something that might have saved the situation if it had been done a few months or a few years earlier. He is always too late."

"There is no place for this malady in the world's present iron age, an age that makes a supreme demand for hard, pitiless, unemotional examination and recognition of ascertainable facts as they are. It is high time to eliminate this disease from our individual and collective thinking. What was formerly perhaps a minor weakness may well become in an emergency a major source of decadence, even of national disaster."

THE CHRISTIAN IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

ONE OF THE MOST difficult problems every Christian minister has been facing in recent years is this problem. Our best minds, our most competent leaders share with the mood of the average man—all are confused. The old and established stablilties of life have been broken up, the old securities are no longer secure. State, church, family, education, economic order, all are undergoing change. We hope we are moving toward a better world in spite of the destruction on every hand but no one can say whether or not we will have a better world after the present wars are over or whether they will result in world catastrophe. We are only now beginning to realise with St. Paul that we are fighting against superhuman powers; forces with which our human intelligence seems unable to cope. War always brings with it a tremendous upsurge of the primitive; the releasing of the passions of mankind. In some ways we are becoming the victims of our own cleverness. Science has given us potential weapons which may yet destroy us. It is a moment of great difficulty for the Christian faith.

What is a Christian to do? To-day all our prescriptions for the cure of the world are mixed with misgivings and have in them a large ingredient of despair. Two things

the Christian can do. First he must not give up hope. He must, if he is a Christian, believe that there is some order in the chaos even though he is unable to discern it. Secondly, every Christian should endeavour to enlarge the fellowship which he shares with other Christians in the Christian church. It is our conviction that the present world's disintegration is due largely to the disintegration of the Christian Church. We believe that the secret of world recovery is lying not in the hands of our economists or our political leaders, or our military strategists, but in the reintegration of the Christian community. Let us not wait until the present conflicts are over but let us now come together in a warmth of fellowship and loyalty such as we have not known before. It is in such a community of faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we may expect the salvation of God to be revealed.

CHRIST THE WORLD'S TROUBLE MAKER

WE CAN SAY, as we have just said aobve, that the present world crisis is due to the back-sliding of civilization. We can also state that it may be due to the presence in civilization of positive spiritual energies. If the outcome of this present crisis will mean the increasing wickedness of man and the failure of Christianity we shall have ground for discouragement. But if it means a decisive battle between Christianity and long accepted evils, a battle in which the Church for the first time is taking an active part, then we are bound to react with the thrill of the conflict and the hope of victory. Let me remind you of those strange-sounding words of Jesus: *"I came not to send peace but a sword."* And Jesus goes on to tell what He means: *"I came to set a man against his father, the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."* In other words, Jesus disturbs and troubles men. Why then should we be dismayed when trouble appears? Against any kind of peace which rests upon a compromise with injustice Christianity must set itself in resistence and judgment. We were told again and again that the last world war demonstrated the failure of Christianity. It can also be said that the war demonstrated how much more potent Christianity is than ever before. There have always been wars but no war was ever brought before the bar of the conscience of mankind until the world war. For the first time in history a war precipitated a moral crisis. It is our firm belief that the present world war could have been avoided, had the leaders of each nation endeavoured to write a just peace, but instead of justice selfishness reigned at Versailles. Now we are paying for the dragon's teeth which were sown at that time. We are confident, however, that out of our present crisis can come progress.

AFTER THE WAR— WHAT?

BEFORE WE ATTEMPT to outline what shall happen after the war let us evaluate the social order which we now have. What is good in it? What is bad in it? What in it is filled with the greatest hope for future development?

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, endeavours to answer these questions in a very thought-provoking article in the *Michigan Christian Advocate* for April 24th. He points out, first of all, that which is good in our civilization and reminds us that the past century has shown an unparalleled advance in science, medicine and mechanical achievement. No one before us ever knew so much about the universe and the use of natural forces. Dangerous diseases have been conquered, suffering vastly reduced, and the average length of life increased. There have also been great social advances: dueling, slavery and imprisonment for debt have gone. Women have been enfranchised. Conscience has been aroused against the ravages of alcohol, drugs, prostitution and tenements. New professions have come into being such as nursing, trained social workers and recreation supervisors. There is now much more opportunity for fun in living, there are more interesting and exciting things to know and to do, and more release from drudgery, fear and suffering than in any age before.

Against these attractive features there are certain things that are definitely bad. War, of course, is the outstanding evil but it is not the only one: we have for years faced unemployment and the evils which stream from it. Was there ever a time when we had more racial discrimination with its unfair practices and its effect upon personality? The economic exploitation of helpless peoples and natural resources is certainly a major evil. There are many other things against which we must protest, one of the most dangerous of which is too much governmental regimentation.

In building a decent post-war civilization obviously the basic thing that must be gotten rid of is the recurrence of war itself. In its very nature it is so anti-social that it has become public enemy No. 1. The causes of war are partly emotional and psychological; and more than these economic fear. How deliverance from economic fear can be achieved, apart from a world federation guaranteeing equality of access to all nations to the markets and raw materials of the world and demobilising all the national navies and armies, is inconceivable. If this cannot be accomplished then all we can look forward to is another interval before the next world conflict.

If, however, we are given a world organization which makes peace reasonably possible then each nation can focus its attention on its own internal problems. This will certainly involve restriction of private ownership and the profit system with safe-guarding against such things as the exploitation of labour, the using up of natural resources, the creation of monopolies, the manipulation of securities and the disregard of the consumer. Sweden, which has balanced public ownership, private ownership and co-operatives all in one scheme, may turn out to have a valuable pattern for post war industrial life.

Singapore Ministers' Retreat

For quite a number of years a committee of Christian ministers in Singapore have been meeting together for reference and council under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Singapore. As a result of these meetings there has come to be a much better understanding between the Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, the English Presbyterian Mission, Bethesda Chapel, the Salvation Army and The Methodist Church. The ministers attending these meetings have enjoyed a very fine fellowship and it has been an opportunity for inter-church cooperation.

Sensing a need of something more than just the routine business of such a committee it was decided to meet on the

18th of July at the Cathedral House, the home of Archdeacon and Mrs. Graham White, for a retreat. This was conducted by the Archdeacon in three different sessions during the morning from 10 to one p.m. and was held in the chapel of the Cathedral House. The subject of the meditations was "The Fruit of the Spirit" and the Archdeacon spoke during the three periods dividing the subject as follows: The fruit; the fruit of the Spirit in Christ; and the fruit of the Spirit in Ourselves. The ministers present were then guests of the Archdeacon for tiffin. It was a very profitable morning both in spiritual food and in fellowship. Similar retreats might well be held elsewhere to the profit of all taking part.

The Methodist Church Its Contribution to the Philippines and its Objective

By Bishop Edwin F. Lee

I have been asked to write a brief word relative to the contribution that the Methodist Church has apparently made to the life in the Philippines and also the possible objective which our Church has in view. Looking back over the forty-one years since the Methodist Mission first sent a small staff of missionaries into the Islands and then looking at the Church as it is today, one finds much reason for gratitude. There is still much reason for profound gratitude that our efforts have seemingly received the blessing of the Master who has been served.

To survey the work in a field with a total population of more than sixteen millions and in a territory generally set aside for us, as Methodists, where there is a population of four millions, gives to one a view of the magnitude of a spiritual and ethical task so stupendous that the personnel available, the resources, both material and spiritual, seem utterly inadequate. However, our church seems to have been peculiarly adapted to the Philippine Islands in a sense such as I am confident cannot be found in any other mission field of our church. The people have responded appreciatively to our type of church organization, the Filipino women have fitted into work as Deaconesses and Bible Women and our Filipino Pastors to our form of itinerant ministers in a most satisfactory way.

The Methodist Church has, through the years emphasized the evangelical programme,—namely, the establishment of churches and the proclamation of the evangelical Christian message, both in its spiritual and its ethical emphasis and also in its interpretation of social justice.

When one thinks of the objective before such a church, there is at once difficulty in expression. Anyone can glibly say that such and such is the objective of an organization, which the succeeding years will reveal was a forecast far wide of the mark. I would suggest that, based on the experience of the past in the Philippine Islands and with a careful review of the programme of the Methodist Church in the United States of America during the last one hundred and fifty-six years of its organization there, and its two hundred years in Great Britain and later throughout fifty countries around the world, that something of the following might be given as a forecast.

First, let me say that it does not appear that the Methodist Church has any desire to become the only church in the Philippines. It rather prefers to be considered as one branch of the great Church of Jesus Christ. As such, it rejoices in the successes of other church groups who earnestly endeavor to reflect the spirit of our Lord and Master. The Methodist Church, therefore, welcomes the privilege of co-operation with any other group reasonably like-minded, who would attempt to build a better social life in the Philippines, an economic order which would offer a fair chance for the average man for the necessities of life and fair opportunity for each child to enjoy the privileges of education and of a normal unfolding of life through the succeeding years. The Methodist Church will certainly continue its interest in the extension of education and the acquisition of knowledge on the part of each individual citizen, which will enable him intelligently to fit his life into the life of the community and of the nation of which he is a part. The Methodist Church will also continue its interest in a place for the Filipino people in the family of nations, looking for future fair play in that democratic assembly of nations, which shall eventually eradicate warfare and allow the various peoples of the wide world to live together in peace and in harmony. And, finally, the Methodist Church will certainly never lose sight of the responsibility for an unfailing proclamation of the gospel of the good news of Christianity, which, through the personality of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men, will introduce the people of this land to Almighty God as a loving Heavenly Father.

—In the "Christian Enterprise" for May 15, 1941

A Meditation on Courage

By Philippe Vernier

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth of seven Meditations by this writer which we are publishing from month to month. They are taken from the magazine "Fellowship," the January 1941 issue.)

V.

I AM NOT ALONE

John XVI-32

"Only the evil-doer is alone" wrote Diderot. Why then has your Master so harshly known solitude? For that is his life: desertion ever more complete. Moreover he prophesied it: "Ye shall be scattered every man to his own, shall leave me alone." A certain bonhomie may attract men, but holiness embarrasses and irritates them.

When Jesus says: "I am not alone," it is not of human company that he speaks, but of him who, precisely, manifests himself in solitude, in the defection of earthly societies, in the desert: "The Father is with me."

This companion of solitary individuals is unknown to the man who lives in crowds. The noisy group that circles around him, that chatters and amuses itself, may delude him. But when he wakes up he is really desperately alone; alone before life, alone before death, alone before himself, alone before the void.

To escape this terrible awakening and this supreme solitude seek isolation from material goods, reserve for yourself hours far from the clamour, and flee the company of the superficially minded. There will your Master teach you to listen to the voice from the deeps. He who sees in secret will read in you confidences which no human eye had been able to guess. He who speaks in silence will abide with you when all others have left.

● *A Singapore Chinese writes this considered article on Borneo*

With our Bishop in Borneo

By Homer Cheng

IN June this year I had the honour of accompanying Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee and Dr. R. L. Archer (the Mission Treasurer) on a trip to Borneo to inspect mission stations and attend the annual Mission Conference as well as the Pastors' Institute.

The companionship of the party and the many things I saw and heard made the trip exceedingly memorable and educative. Our bishop has the rare gift of making every one feel at home and he always leaves one with the feeling that he is more than a bishop. The bishop's wife, well-known for her oratory and great sense of humour, radiates such life and grace wherever she goes as few ladies can. Dr. R. L. Archer, a symbol of amiability, proved a tower of strength.

We had a most delightful voyage. The sea was calm and the moon was bright. Out boat reached Sibu at night—a tropical night when the silver radiance of the skies changed the waters of the Rejang River into rippling folds of shimmering brightness. And curled about the moon-washed starlit bay, the town of Sibu held out its welcome hands. Here as elsewhere mankind's struggle upward has unfolded, still is unfolding itself in the blending of races.

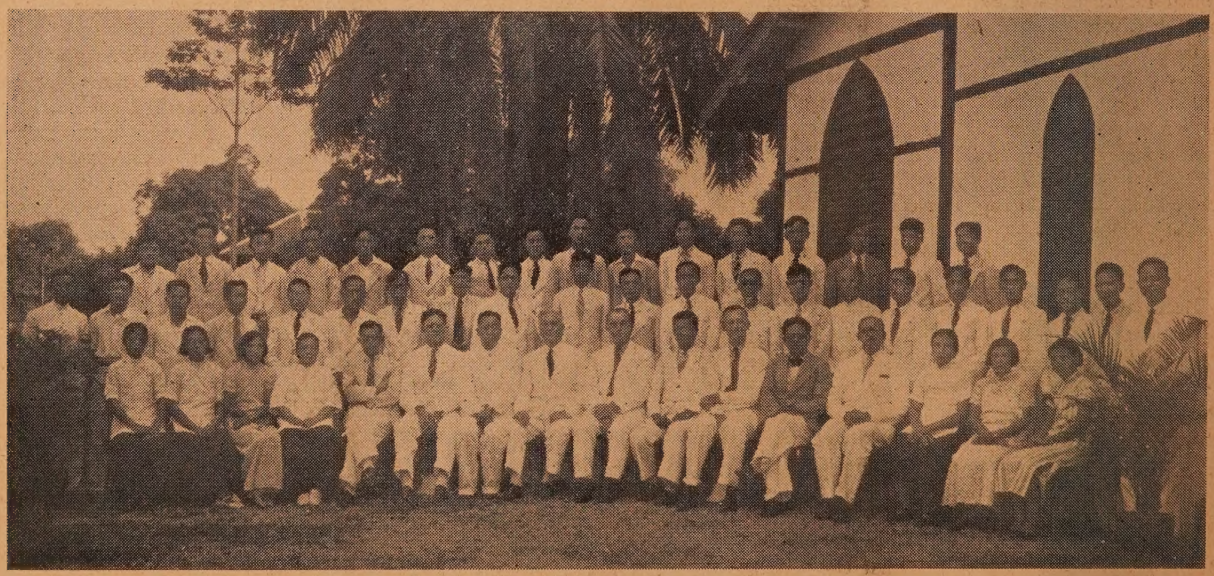
A Land of Opportunity

In the busy haunts of men no other town in Sarawak offers more. Man has to struggle and sweat in order to live and for a struggling man the rewards are rich and quick. Sibu, the pride of the Foochows, is yearly making great strides ahead. It is a link in the golden chain of civilisation, the chain which binds up human accomplishment as it is expressed in different parts of the world. But besides the schools, the sawmills, the banana groves, the rubber gardens, the old forts, the whirl of motor and dynamo of the numerous river launches, the abandoned wharves, there lingers on something unique and indestructible, viz, the Hoover spirit. Hoover is a household word in Sarawak.

Photo by Chambers

The new Hinghwa Church at Hinghwa Bah, Sibu, Sarawak

We pushed on up-river to Kapit the second day of our arrival where a new work among the Dyaks has just been started. The onus of sowing the seed falls on the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmucker who find an able assistant in Guru Lucius. A school for the Dyak boys was established early this year with eleven students who are either children or relatives of the Dyak chiefs. The seed has been sown and it is taking root. The bishop spent two busy days there interviewing local Government officials, inspecting the new mission site, discussing plans and giving instructions for



The 1941 Pastors School, Sibu, Sarawak

Photo by H.B.A.

Chinese Pastors on Wharf at Sibu saying Farewell to Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee

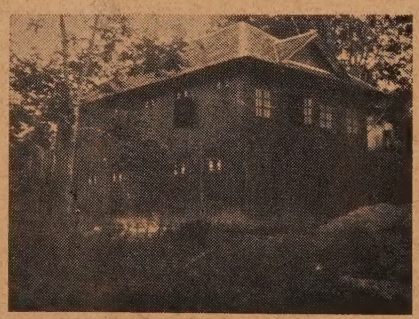
the building of the Hoover Memorial Church for the Chinese. He had a distinguished caller in the person of the Rajah of Sarawak on the first day of his arrival. His Highness expressed appreciation and gratitude for the splendid work that is being done by the Methodist mission. The high spot of the bishop's visit was a prayer meeting held on the precarious roof of the home of a church member at which the bishop gave a short and inspiring sermon to some 40 men and women.

Dedication and Baptisms

Back in Sibu on the 14th a heavy programme awaited him. On Sunday the bishop baptised 42 children, by far the largest number yet at one time, and then dedicated a Chinese Church at Hinghwa Bah. The next day, Monday, he presided at the Annual Mission Conference of the Sibu and Sarikei districts. The bishop had been away from Sarawak the last two years and his presence there this year gave renewed inspiration and added enthusiasm to all the participants. The group was singularly unified in spirit. The conference opened with messages of greetings from the bishop, Mrs. Lee, Dr. Archer, Rev. Paul Hang, followed by reports of the two resident missionaries, the Rev. G. V. Summers and the Rev. P. H. Schmucker. Guru Lucius, assistant to Rev. Schmucker, made an enlightening report on the new work among the Dyaks. The three Dyak boys whom he brought down from Kapit were presented to the conference and were received with applause. Reports by various pastors and sub-committees followed. Numerous problems were brought up which the bishop disposed of easily. In his address to the conference, the bishop urged closer co-ordination of all activities and laid emphasis on ministerial training. He advocated increased co-operation with the local school committees and appealed for greater efforts to make local churches self supporting. Mrs. Lee appealed for co-operation with the local Government in commemorating the Centenary year of the Brooke rule in Sarawak and pointed out that this is an auspicious year for the Methodists to start the new work among the Dyaks. The importance of having a well-run English school was emphasised and it was decided that no stone be left unturned to support the Methodist Boys' School opened by the Rev. and Mrs. G. V. Summers in the early part of this year. The impressive parts of the conference were the ordination service and the organisation of a Women's Society of Christian Service prompted by Mrs. Lee. At a meeting of leading women in Sibu, Mrs. Lee spoke on the significance of forming such a society and as a result of the meeting Mrs. Summers was unanimously elected president.

The annual Sibu Pastors' Institute was held from June 18th to the 22nd. The faculty this year consisted of Bishop Lee, Dr. Archer; the Rev. Paul Hang, the Rev. Herbert Kuehn, and Dr. H. B. Amstutz, dean. Owing to delay of their ship, the dean and Rev. Kuehn were one day behind time but Dr. Archer arranged a temporary schedule and kept the classes going. The subjects selected by the dean this year were both stimulating and practical. The dean has had many years of experience in running the school and it is obvious that his long experience is being used to good advantage.

Borneo is a vast field for mission work. The Hoovers had laid a solid foundation and it behooves us to erect a great spiritual edifice on top of this foundation. This is a task in which every one, layman and preacher alike, can assist. Let us co-operate with teamwork and indefatigable spirit for the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. May God bless our bishop and his co-workers.



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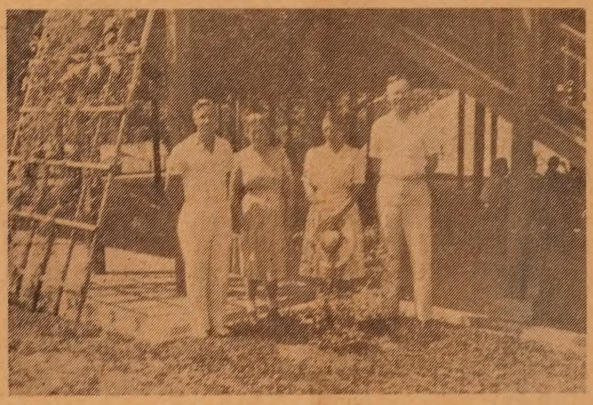
The new Hoover Memorial Church at Sungei Merah

● *A Missionary sees Borneo Methodism for the first time*

The Sibu Pastors' School

By H. F. Kuehn

IT was in 1930 that the late Reverend James M. Hoover asked for the first Pastors' School in Sibu, Sarawak. Since then the Pastor's School has become the high light in the life of the pastors and Bible women of the Sarawak



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The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmucker and the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Kuehn at Kapit

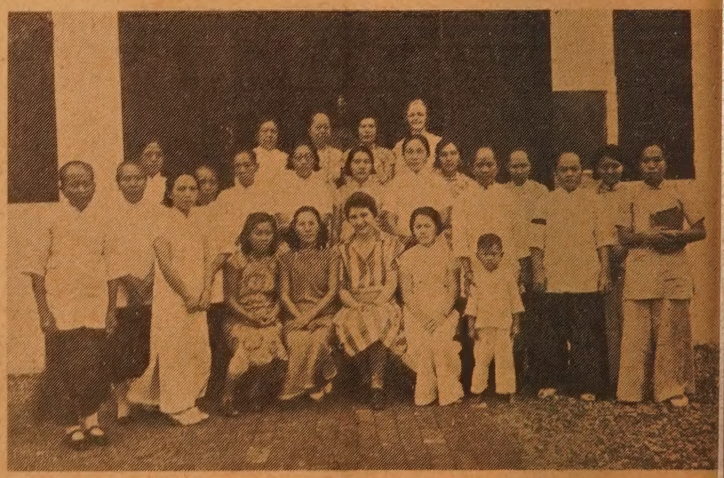
Methodist Churches and Schools. From the very beginning these Schools have filled a very real place in the work of our Church there. A few of the pastors have been able to attend the Annual Conference in Singapore, but for the majority this has not been possible. The Sibu Pastors' School has become an institution and is looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation. It means much needed fellowship, instruction, and inspiration. Some of the pastors have attended every one of the Schools and feel the need of them. Every year there are those who come for the first time and get acquainted with their fellow-workers from other stations and get a better perspective of the great task that is theirs.

Sarawak is a pioneer country, which means that all the hardships as well as the thrills of pioneer life are to be found there. Most of the Churches and Schools are in rural areas and very much isolated from one another and from the outside world. The only way one goes from place to place is on bicycle or on foot along very narrow paths among the rubber trees and by boat on the Rejang River and its tributaries. Once the pastor reaches his station he has few opportunities to go to town or to visit his fellow-workers in other places. Only men with real faith and consecration can succeed under such conditions. It is at the annual Pastors' School that they renew acquaintances, exchange ideas, and gain new strength for their tasks.

Value of these Schools

It has not been easy to build the Church in Sarawak. Much of the credit for laying a good foundation for our work there goes, of course, to the untiring work of the late Reverend James M. Hoover. Others are carrying on where he left off. The Reverend Lee Hock Hiang has a very challenging task on the Sarekei District. The Rev. Wong Doong Sing, the new Superintendent of the Sibu District has already found a real place for himself. The task of helping to co-ordinate the work of all the Churches and Schools is very ably done by the Reverend and Mrs. G. V. Summers, Resident Missionaries. Together with a Staff of pastors, Bible women and other workers, these leaders are annually meeting together in Sibu and attending the Pastors' School which gives them an opportunity to take an inventory of their failure and achievements and to gain inspiration and renewed challenge to go on with the work of extending Christ's Kingdom. Over thirty School and Churches have been built and others are in the course of construction. Almost every year there are dedications of new buildings. Every year some schools and churches have to build larger quarters to meet the ever growing needs. In this way the Church is being built by courageous people under difficult conditions.

This year's School was the ninth. Much of the credit for the success of the Pastors' Schools goes to the Rev. H. B. Amstutz, who as Principal, has been responsible for organizing them from the beginning. At this year's School the lectures and sermons were given by Bishop Edwin F. Lee, Dr. R. L. Archer, the Rev. Paul Hang, Dr. Amstutz and the Rev. H. F. Kuehn. Courses in Bible, Pastoral Problems, and Systematic Theology were offered. Mr. Homer Cheng was again gracious enough to help with the interpreting.



Newly organized Woman's Society of Christian Service, Sibu, Sarawak

High Lights in Malayan Methodism

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

By Toh Kheng Teik

AFTER fifty years existence, the Girls' and Boys' Schools in Penang celebrated their Golden Jubilee in the second week of June 1941. The Boys' School started in a small shop-house in Carnavan Street. Now we have spacious accomodations in the New Primary and Middle School on Pykett Avenue in addition to the High School at Suffolk House.

The celebrations started with the Recognition Service at the Wesley Church for the successful candidates of the previous year. Nearly every seat was occupied and extra seats were placed in the front for the candidates. The Rev. P. L. Peach, Educational Secretary for Malaya, was the speaker for that evening. He spoke of the snow-clad mountain peaks—how strong and magnificent they are. In the course of his talk, he said that the mountains didn't say, "We are taller and stronger than you," for they are not selfish. Using that as a illustration, he advised the students to be like the mountain peaks, strong, magnificent, unselfish and snow-clad, a sign of purity.

Memories of the Founder

On Monday evening, a Public Meeting was held. The School Hall was filled when the meeting commenced. Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, Deputy Director of Education, was one of the many speakers of that evening. He gave a short history of the A.C.S. Penang, how it started with one solitary pupil and now it has hundreds of them. He then gave a brief account of his contact with the late Rev. G. F. Pykett and the opportunity he had of seeing him teach. He went on to say that Rev. Pykett was a "born teacher" not because he could teach well but also because he could get the affection of his pupils. He admired the work done by the Methodist Mission, and said that a quarter of the pupils getting English Education in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States are in the Methodist Schools.

The Senior Inspector of Schools, Mr. J. M. Meade, was the next speaker. He also admired the work done by the Methodist Mission and concluded by saying, "I hope that when you are celebrating your Diamond Jubilee, it will be done in the new hall of the Anglo-Chinese High School." These words were very encouraging to us, the boys of the A.C.H.S. and amidst loud applause, he took his seat. The other speeches followed, one by Mrs. Amy David an old girl and the other by Mr. Ong Joo Sun an old boy.

Before the Old Boy's speech, Mrs. J. M. Hoover, of Singapore, unveiled the potrait of Rev. G. F. Pykett which was presented by the members of the A.C.S. Union and some old pupils of the late Rev. G. F. Pykett. The concluding event on the programme for the evening was the opening of the Art and Handwork Exhibition by Mrs. E. A. de Buriatte.

The A.C.S. Art Club, in conjunction with the Jubilee Celebrations, held its tenth Anniversary. Exhibits from the years 1932 to 1941 were on display.

The School Annual Speech Day was held on Wednesday. Our school was dismissed at nine-thirty to give time for the boys to attend the meeting which started at ten at the Middle School Hall. After the reports of the various activities had been given by the teachers, the presentation of certificates by Mrs. N. A. Horley took place. Boys who were first, second or third in any one subject in the Standard received certificates.

The two-act play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" written by Jerome K. Jerome was presented. This play was directed by Mr. L. L. A. Heimark. The hall was filled and special music was given by an orchestra and the Girls' School Choir.

Saturday and the Dinner

Saturday was again a busy day. Preparations were made for the Golden Jubilee Sports. All the Schools of the Methodist Mission took part in these sports. Unlike the usual Annual Sports, there were some novelty events for the present and old boys and girls.

At eight p.m. on that day, there was another grand function—the Jubilee Dinner. Over three hundred guests were present. Mr. G. H. Goh, the president of the A.C.S. Union, in his speech said, "Years ago, when one went out, every one of three persons one came across was a product of the A.C.S." This was indeed a statement the A.C.S. can be proud of. He then commented on the wonderful progress the Girls' and Boys' Schools had made in fifty years, and their splendid co-operation. "A distinguished guest at the dinner was Dr. Choo Teck Guan, who as President of the Old Boys' Association of A.C.S. Singapore, brought greetings and good wishes from a brother school".

Mr. Ong Huck Chye, speaking on behalf of the guests referred to the splendid work done by the late Rev. G. F. Pykett, the founder of the Anglo-Chinese School,

Penang. He commented on the circumstances which resulted in the changing of the name of Westlands Avenue to Pykett Avenue.

Thus ended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the A.C.S. of Penang. It was a great success of which every pupil, past and present, of the A.C.S. should be proud. It was indeed an event to be remembered as long as the A.C.S. is in existence.

We now look forward to another fifty years of glorious achievement before we celebrate our centenary.

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Here and There

Woman's Society in Teluk Anson

By C. E. L.

This society though small in number has had an active session during the past five months. In spite of differences of dialects, the members have tried their best to carry out the main aims of the society, namely, to unite all the women in the church in Christian living and service, to take part in such social activities as will strengthen the local church and to secure funds for the activities of the local church.

During the first two months after the inception of the society, the members had two meetings of a social nature for the purpose of bringing together those who were not used to formal meetings. On March 8, Mrs. Tan Chong Say, whose home is 17 miles from Teluk Anson, invited the members to hold the meeting at her home. This was like a picnic and the invitation was accepted. A delightful tiffin preceded a short devotional meeting. On April 4, a social was held at the home of Mrs. Lee Choon Eng. After tea and cakes, the meeting discussed plans for raising money to pay off the debt on the Chinese Parsonage. It was decided to sell tickets at $1.25 for a Chinese Dinner at the A.C.S. Hall and also to sell pickles, syrup, cakes, sambal and toffee, all of which would be prepared and contributed by members.

The Chinese Dinner was held on Saturday, May 17th. 120 tickets and most of the provisions prepared were sold. Our thanks are due to Mr. Lim Hong Yong, the Chinese Pastor, the teachers of the A.C.S. and to those ladies who cooked the delicious dinner, Mrs. Chan Hoey Chan, Mrs. Lee Hah Ing, Mrs. Tan Chong Say, Mrs. Chua Pak Hong, Mrs. Leow Say Yin, Mrs. Niuh Tay Poh, Mrs. Loh Ah Huay, Mrs. Yee Chiew Tung, Mrs. Lee Choon Eng, Miss Lee Sim Choon, Miss Mary Teoh, Miss Foo Saw Ewe, Miss Tan Say Han.

This dinner and the sales netted $202 for the Chinese Manse Fund.

On June 8, Mrs. Lim Hong Yong invited the members to a tiffin to thank them for their splendid support and also to introduce them to Mrs. Ng Chee who had come from the Teluk Ayer Church, Singapore, on a visit to the pastor and family.

The meetings for June and July were devotional meetings. The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Yee Chiew Tung on the 14th. Mrs. Lee Choon Eng spoke on "The Christian Home." The July meeting was held on the 2nd at the Nursing Quarters of the District Hospital where Miss Lee Sim Choon acted as hostess. The topic for discussion was "The Place of the Society in the Church."

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Chang Hoey Chan on August 7.

In addition to holding meetings, the society has also been busy every week sewing dresses, boys suits, night gowns, hospital towels, napkins, etc. for the Perak Section of the Patriotic Fund. The following are the regular workers—Mrs. Tan Chong Say, Mrs. Lim Hong Yong, Mrs. Lee Choon Eng, Mrs. Niuh Tay Poh, Mrs. Loh Ah Huay, Miss Neoh Poh Siew and Mrs. Yee Chiew Tung.

Pastors Retreat at Sitiawan

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Chinese Pastors' Retreat

Methodist Chinese Pastors and Bible Women from Perak, Penang and Kedah districts met at Kampong Koh, Sitiawan, July 5th, in connection with the Pastors' Retreat. The retreat commenced with a Church service at the Pioneer Church, Kampong Koh and continued for 4 days.

An interesting evangelistic programme was arranged for the visitors.

The Rev. M. T. Hwang, the District Superintendent, Northern district and stationed in Penang, was in charge of the meeting. The Rev. Shih Yiu Shou, the local pastor, entertained the visitors to a tea party at the Church Manse, Sitiawan, on Monday evening.

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News from the Federal Capital

By M. K.

New School Library

On Saturday, March 22, Capt. A. W. Frisby, Sr. Inspector of Schools, Selangor, at the Methodist Boys' School opened one of the finest school libraries in Malaya. This has been made possible by a munificent gift of $5,000- from a Kuala Lumpur Chinese gentleman who wishes his gift to be anonymous. One full-size room 30′ x 30′ in the corner of the new building has been set aside. It is fully equipped with five open book shelves to hold some

At the Opening of the Library by Capt. A. W. Frisby, Inspector of Schools

5,000- books, new tables and chairs to seat sixty have been installed. Full lighting and fans have been installed enabling the school to use the library day and night.

The following existing libraries were brought together in this one room—the Lum Mun Yoke Reference Library, the Geography, Science and Handicraft Libraries and the Class Libraries of Standard 7 and 8 and the School Certificate Class. Then some $1,000- worth of new books have been purchased and all of these were classified and catalogued and are now in use. Some six or eight standard magazines come regularly to the library and four local dailies are daily available. Some 300 new books are now on order.

The library is in charge of a Senior Master who is School Librarian and he is assisted by all the Masters and Prefects of the two Schools, Methodist Boys' School and the Methodist Afternoon School. Both of these schools have access to the library. It is divided into two general sections—Lending and Reference. It is proposed in due time to open it for the use of Old Boys of the Schools. Furthermore, it is being extended by adding to the section of Professional Books for Teachers as rapidly as possible. If it seems advisable, this Professional Library will be opened to all teachers of our Malayan English Schools.

The opening on Wednesday, 22nd March, was witnessed by a large group of representative people of Kuala Lumpur.

Wesley Church

The Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, has for the past three months, been holding a Fellowship Hour for soldiers and members and friends of the Wesley Church, after the evening service. The results have been most gratifying, for the soldiers have been very appreciative, and the church people have not only enjoyed attending the meetings, but have provided refreshment for all of those who attended. Several members have, from time to time, provided musical entertainment which was greatly enjoyed.

Wesley League

The Kuala Lumpur Wesley League will, this month, complete its first year's work. The League has just cause to look back on the year's activities with a bit of righteous pride, for there has been nothing about their programme that would verify the fact that they are "beginners."

The regular weekly meetings have been well attended, and are often led by the Leaguers themselves. There has been a definite effort to plan a programme which would answer questions which come up in the mind of every Leaguer. The business-like attitude at the business meetings, the seriousness of the discussion hours, and the good fellowship at the monthly socials are all indications of a healthy, growing organization.

Aside from the regular meetings, the League has shown its interest in others. During the first year of its existance, the Wesley League has raised $142.00 for the Home Mission Fund—a contribution of which any League might well be proud. The League has also contributed $20.00 to the Leper Colony this year, and has made six visits to the Decrepit Ward of the General Hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

With such a record of activity and interest, the K.L. Wesley League should soon be one of the foremost Leagues in Malaya.

Children's Day

A Children's Day programme was held at the Wesley Church on Sunday morning, June 29. The entire Junior Department participated in a pageant which was presented. The pageant was followed by a Baptismal Service, in which seven infants and five young people were baptized.

Woman's Society

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the K.L. Wesley Church held its June meeting at the home of Mrs. K. K. Benjamin. The devotions centered about the thought, "Christian Fellowship." The regular business meeting was held, and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

New Chinese Church Manse

A dedication service for the new Hokkien Manse in Kuala Lumpur was held on June 21. Mr. Yap Bee Yan gave a brief history of the new manse, Mr. Lim Ka Seng presented the treasurer's report, and the Rev. P. L. Peach gave the address and declaration at the opening of the new manse. Music was furnished by the Chinese Epworth League and the Chinese Church School children. After the service, a group photograph was taken, and refreshments were served.

M.G.S. Practical Project

A group of the Upper-School girls of the Methodist Girls' School celebrated the King's Birthday by visiting the

In the new M.B.S. School Library, Kuala Lumpur

Bata Shoe Factory in Klang. Buses were hired, and a group of about eighty girls set out from the school at eight o'clock, accompanied by two M.G.S. teachers. Upon their arrival at the factory, the girls were taken on inspection tours in groups of fifteen, so that the guides could explain the complete process of manufacturing the shoes. They were also shown through the women's dormitories which the factory provides. The trip proved to be both an enjoyable and an educational way of spending the one-day holiday.

Mrs. Charles Mosebrook has been supervising the M.G.S. Afternoon School, during the time that Miss Rank has been acting as Head-Mistress of the Klang M.G.S.

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Seremban A.C.S. Sports

His Highness The Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, Her Highness the Tengku Ampuan, The Hon'ble the British Resident and Mrs. J. V. Cowgill, were guests of honour at the Annual Sports of the A.C.S. Seremban on Saturday, the 19th July. For the sake of war-time economy the usual tents were not erected, but the guests spent the afternoon in the lovely cool shade of the spreading trees bordering the school field. An A.I.F. Band, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding, played selections during the afternoon. Her Highness distributed the challenge cups and certificates. It was announced that a saving of more than half the usual expenditure had been effected, and thus the school would be able to make a donation of $75 to the Malaya Patriotic Fund.

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New School Building in Sepang

By W. S. R.

The opening of the new building for the Anglo-Chinese School, Sepang marked the accomplishment of a dream of several years' standing. On Friday, June 6th, the Rev. P. L. Peach formally opened a new building on the grounds of the Methodist Church. This school was started in March 1935 under the name Toh Chye English School with an enrolment of 18 pupils. Classes were held in the Chinese Methodist Church building. In 1939 the enrolment reached 60 and it became necessary to look for additional accommodation. When nothing suitable could be found in the town the number of classes had to be reduced. The school has carried on during these years under great difficulty. The new comfortable, airy quarters are therefore great appreciated by the pupils and teachers. The building is a two-room wood-frame structure with concrete floor. A removable partition makes possible the use of the building for large gatherings. The cost of the building was $2600. About three quarters of this amount has been contributed, and the balance is covered by donations yet to be paid.

In his address the Rev. P. L. Peach referred to the fact that two members of the staff were born and grew up in Sepang, and after completing their training in the Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, returned to their home town to serve the church and school. They are Messrs. Toh Ching Chong and Lim Yee Ko. Mr. Pang Thow Meng is Headmaster of the school, and the Rev. W. S. Reinoehl is the Manager.

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Second Annual Sports Day

On June 20th the Kuantan Methodist Girls' School held their Second Annual Sport's Day Programme. The field was gaily decorated with bunting and flags. It was a beautiful clear day and the parents and friends of the school turned out in full force to watch the girls. The girls were wearing their new smart looking blue and white School Uniforms.

The first item was a song of welcome by the upper Standards, and twenty items followed. The Drill was the most difficult and graceful item, and brought loud applause from the audience. The Monkey and Rabbit Race was perhaps the most amusing. The last item was an exhibition Net Ball game which thrilled the spectators who applauded loudly whenever a goal was made.

Mrs. C. J. Windsor presented the Trophies which were evenly divided between the Olson, (Blue) and Eklund, (Red) Houses, (Named after the founders). In the end the Olson House carried off the Yap Khen Van Inter-House Shield for the second year. The Challenge Cups for Badminton and Net Ball were all won by the Eklund House, but the Olson House won the Primary Department Cup.

A microphone was furnished by the Principal of the All Saints School and with his assistance helped to keep the spectators informed of the games and the results.

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Notes from Teluk Anson

By C. E. L.

The A.C.S. is pulling its weight in local civil defence schemes. All the teachers are enrolled in Division 12 of the St. John Ambulance Association Perak and 11 out of 14 gave their blood to the Blood Bank. Thirty-two boys have recently passed the First Aid examination and are waiting to be enrolled in a new division, and a few are members of the A.F.S. or A.R.P. Wardens.

Two boys, Pertab Singh and Daniel Devadasan, have obtained Major Scholarships at the School of Agriculture.

The 1940 School Certificate examination results have given much satisfaction to the public in this town. 22 out of 26 (pupils) passed.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on July 12 in brilliant weather. The boys accepted certificates instead of prizes and $100 was sent to the War Fund. Mrs. D. Graham distributed the certificates.

On July 19th, the Epworth League organised a picnic at the Tong Shin Gardens, Kampar. About 35 members made the trip and they had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Eric Rode, President of the Epworth League, will be taking 6 delegates to the Perak League Institute at Sungei Siput next month.

A Farewell Function

By V. J. J.

Dr. G. J. Supramaniam, an active Leaguer of the Singapore Tamil Epworth League since 1928, was given a farewell party on Monday, 14th July, at the Social Hall at No. 1 Short Street by members and friends of the League, prior to his departure on transfer to Kuching, Sarawak as Medical Officer. About 50 members, friends and officers of the Church were present to bid him farewell. Refreshments were served after which Mr. A. M. Cherian in a short speech gave him an eloquent testimony. Miss Grace A. Lee, the previous President, also gave a short talk on his achievements. This was followed up with another speech by our President Mr. A. K. Isaac to which Dr. G. J. Supramaniam replied.

He was presented with a gift by Miss Irene Vairakiam from the members of the Singapore Tamil Epworth League. The gathering adjourned after singing the hymn "Bless be the Tie that Binds."

Members of the District Epworth League, Singapore, at a Sports Rally at the Tamil Church

An Excellent Variety Programme

The Anglo Chinese School, Singapore, presented a programme on Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th of July, which certainly merited the adjective "variety" and which was in many respects one of the best things the school has done for many years. The programme represented boys from Primary I up through Middle School and Secondary School. The Old Boys Association orchestra, directed by Mr. Goh Soon Tioe, furnished two items playing an overture at the beginning and closing the programme with the intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana.*

Primary I was represented by a single student, Master George Chew, a son of Mr. Chew Kia Song, who has been on the staff of the Secondary School for many years. George very ably presented the recitation "Our Baby". Standard I, under the direction of Miss E. Smith, presented a group of four Swedish folk dances. The boys had been carefully trained and obviously thoroughly enjoyed the intricate steps of the dances. Standard III, under the direction of Miss Bella Russell, sang a group of three songs. Boys voices when well trained are lovely to listen to. Each of these songs were in two parts and the interplay of the low and high voices was a thing of rare beauty. The Secondary School was represented by two items. A group of boys in a Choral Verse Choir, under the direction of Mr. T. R. Doraisamy, presented three numbers, the most enjoyable of which was the interpretation of the well-known reading, "When My Pa Was a Boy".

The major item of the programme was a play entitled "Scuttleboom's Treasure". The drawing of the curtain revealed a group of disappointed and weary pirates who had been searching for treasure on an island in the South Seas for some seventeen years. Captain Scuttleboom in the nick of time squashes a mutiny by killing the ring leader. Obediently the men again go in search of the treasure. While they are away a boat arrives bearing an English school master and a class of boys who have travelled five thousand miles on a scientific cruise. Captain Scuttleboom is very much incensed at their intrusion. The dialogue between him and Mr. Fish, the school master, is extremely humorous. The acting of Oliver Thevathasan as Fish was outstanding. The play ends with the pirates, after a second threatened mutiny which was frustrated by Fish, deciding to accept his offer and come to his school for education. The school boys however, make use of the opportunity and excitement of the mutiny to hide in the pirates' den and later unite and offer themselves to lonely Captain Scuttleboom, who had refused Fish's offer and planned to carry on his piratical enterprize.

The A.C.S. Hall on Coleman Street, where the programme was given, was crowded at both performances and all the proceeds were given to the Malaya Patriotic Fund and for books for the troops.

News from A.C.S. Parit Buntar

In spite of the departure of several good players from the School at the end of last year, the School has put up a team to compete in the Krian Football League.

The School celebrated Empire Day on the 23rd May. Scout proficiency badges and Certificates of merit were awarded to the students by the District Officer, Inche Abu Samah.

The 2nd Parit Buntar Boys Scout Troop which had been formed in 1929 was amalgamated with the 1st Parit Buntar Troop on 2nd June 1941. In its place a Cub Pack has been formed with Mr. Khor Peng Kim as the Cubmaster, and Mr. P. V. Sarma as the Asst. Cubmaster.

On the 14th June, the first issue of the A.C.S. Chronicle, the quarterly magazine of the School made its appearance. The Editor is Mr. P. V. Sarma. The objects of publishing this paper are two fold: to provide a link between the students, past and present; to encourage the students to express and exchange opinions on various subjects.

During the brown-out on the 19th June, several members of the staff and students were on duty at the First-Aid Post, and attended to mock casualties staged in the town.

On June 7 Messrs. Quah Khuan Sim and P. V. Sarma took a party of 70 pupils of the upper classes to Penang

to see the "Fight for Freedom Exhibition". These two teachers also took charge of a party of 13 boys on July 5 for a day's outing in Penang. They climbed up Penang Hill and returned by the Hill railway. In the evening some of them had a swim in the sea.

Dr. W. Lovelock, visiting Examiner in Music of Trinity College London, gave a very interesting and inspring piano recital at the Krian Club on 20th June. About 40 pupils of the School and a few teachers attended the recital. A collection was taken for the local Wool and Materials branch of the Perak Patriotic Fund. A letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of the Branch thanking the School for its contribution to the Fund.

On June 23rd Mr. R. M. Bomford of the Penang Free School visited the School and inspected the scientific equipment, the garden and the meteorological station.

Miss Looi Yut Hoe of Std. VII passed the Junior Examination of the Trinity College of Music, London. She obtained 82 marks (Merit).

The 21st Annual Sports was held on 12th July 1941 in fine weather.

Results

Class A Champion .. Zakariah bin Abdullah
Class B Champion .. Oh Ah Bah
Class C Champion .. Abdul Wahid bin Md. Sani

Winners of the Shield presented by Towkays Wong Mook Kwi J.P. and Wong Fo Kwee .. Lo Heong House.

Mrs. J. V. Thambar gave away the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports.

The detailed results arrived on the 22nd July. We had fifteen First Grade Passes besides Second and Third Grade Passes. This number is in spite of the thorough disorganisation of school we suffered due to the requisitioning of our buildings last year.

Mrs. Theodore Runyan distributing the Prizes at the A.C.G.S. (Ipoh) Sports

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Important Ipoh Events

By J. A. S.

School Items

Empire Day was celebrated this year with a Scout Troops parade before an Assembly of the entire school. Addressing the students and the staff the Principal emphasised the necessity of full and whole-hearted co-operation with the Government in whatever measures it may take for the successful prosecution of the War. Mas Teoh Hua Tuan, president of the Literary Association of the school, read the Empire Day Message.

Mr. J. L. Taylor has taken steps to bring together the teachers of Geography in the various schools of Ipoh in order to discuss problems arising in the teaching of the subjects and to make arrangements for educational visits, lectures, film shows. The first lecture, illustrated by a cinema film, on the production of rubber in various parts of the world was given by Mr. Taylor at the Anderson School Hall before an audience consisting of Cambridge Class students and teachers from most of the schools in Ipoh.

The Science Club of our school made an educational visit to the limestone caves around Ipoh.

At the A.C.S. Sports, Ipoh

The annual athletic sports of the Anglo-Chinese Girls School were held last month. The outstanding item of a very successful meet was the massed drill which was performed to music. Mrs. T. Runyan distributed the prizes to the winners . The Girls School Debating Team met the Anderson School Team and beat them in a debate.

The combined annual sports of the A.C.S. and A.C.C.S. were held on the 5th of July. Master Hong Weng Kheun won the Open Championship of the A.C.S. and Master Abdul Rahman was the Champion of the A.C.C.S. The District Officer, Kinta Mr. F. K. Wilson gave away the prizes.

The Government has returned to us the use of our school buildings after requisitioning them for military purposes for nearly an year.

Church Activities

At the request of some members of the faculty of the Ipoh Wesley Sunday School Miss. T. Bunce and Miss E. Dahlin held a series of classes for Sunday School teachers. The teachers found these classes interesting, instructive and helpful. The Junior Department of the Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at the Kinta Swimming pool.

The Sunday School of the Chinese Church held their annual picnic at Kinchap Gardens, Kampar.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held two successful monthly meetings. At the first meeting Mrs. Chong Tak Nam gave a lesson in the making of "curry

puffs" before the main business of the day. At the second meeting a Missionary programme was presented. This meeting was open to any all who wished to attend, a cake of soap being the charge for admission. Mr. J. L. Taylor gave a short talk on the Sakais. Miss Bunce showed films of various aspects of Mission work in Malaya. Miss N. Moreira led the devotional part of the programme. The soap collected was sent to the Sakai people.

Ipoh Missionaries with Mr. and Mrs. Kariman and the Hill People

Mrs. T. Runyan, Miss E. Dahlin, the Rev'ds. D. P. Coole and C. H. Foos and Mr. Taylor paid a visit last month to the Sakai Mission Station at the 9th mile Cameron Highlands Road. They held a service at which the Rev. Coole spoke, Mrs. T. Runyan provided music accompaniment on the organ, and Mr. C. H. Foss sang a solo. They returned gratified with the good work being done at this station by Mr. Kariman, ably supported by his wife.

The Epworth League Social in July took the form of a musical evening. The newly formed Glee Club under Miss Bunce gave some items which won popular applause and the School Orchestra, consisting of students past and present both from the Boys' and the girls' School played items which were greatly appreciated.

Farewells to the Runyans

After more than seven years spent in serving the needs of the Methodist Community at Ipoh the Rev. T. Runyan, Resident Missionary and pastor of the Wesley Church, and Mrs. Runyan are leaving for America with their daughter for furlough.

During this period the Rev. T. Runyan has been in continuous service in the school besides carrying the responsibility connected with the guidance of the Church; while Mrs. Runyan has from to time also served in the school whenever there was need for a temporary teacher. She has provided the music at Chapel Services and at all other religious activities of the School. Mr. Runyan had to take on the task of the Principalship of the School at a particularly difficult time when the government requisitioned the school buildings for military purposes.

As a mark of recognition of the good work done by them here, and in order to express their appreciation and gratitude, the Teachers Association held a Tea Party on the 7th of July, in normal times. Mrs. Runyan had been of great assistance to Mr. Runyan in his work, especially as she herself was a teacher and had taught at the school. On behalf of the teachers Mr. K. Balagopal, President, wished them a happy holiday and a speedy return to Ipoh. He then called upon Miss Yap Siew Chin to make the presentation of a memento to remind them of thier happy association with the school.

After the weekly meeting of the Wesley Church Choir on the 16th of July Mr. Boon Ah Sin, speaking on behalf of the members, thanked Mr. Runyan for his persevering work in training the choir, and Mrs. Runyan for having played the piano and the organ at all practices and services.

The Wesley Church, The Women's Society of Christian Service, the Epworth League, and the Sunday School combined to bid them farewell at a function organised by Mr. Au Boon Jin, the Social Secretary of the Chruch. The fact that the Ipoh congregation was asking that they come back to them after their holiday spoke more eloquently than anything that one can find to say of the fine work that the Rev. and Mrs. Runyan had been doing at Ipoh. Mr. D. John, lay leader of the Methodist Community, said that the Rev. Runyan had not only ministered to the spiritual needs but also to the material needs of the congregation. He referred to the numerous ways in which both of them had helped in the activities of the Church, the Sunday School and the Epworth League. Mr. Runyan in replying, said that the task of ministers is a hard one. They have to minister to the spiritual needs of the members of the congregation, visit them in their homes, and assist in all important events of their lives. Ministers have to study and understand the problems of their congretation and by the agency of the weekly sermon offer some suggestion towards their solution. His work had been made easy for him by the entire and whole-hearted co-operation of every member of the Church. During his service in the Ipoh Church there had been no dissensions, rifts or squabbles within the Church or in its associated organisations. Everyone had given him nothing but kindness and encouragement. The success that had attended the past merely went to show that the well-being of a Church rested, not with the pastor, but with the members of the congregation for the congregation is the Church.

Interior of Mr. Kariman's School during a Service of Worship. Mrs. Theodore Runyan at the Organ

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Doraisamy and Wedding Party

Doraisamy—Christie Wedding

By J. W. A. K.

The wedding of Mr. Theodore R. Doraisamy of Singapore and Miss Annabella Christie of Seremban was solemnized at the Methodist Church Seremban on July 12th at 4.00 p.m. by the Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar assisted by the Revs. J. V. Ayathuray and L. A. Samuel. Mr. Doraisamy is the eldest son of the late Rev. M. R. Doraisamy and is on the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore. Mrs. Doraisamy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Christie of Seremban.

A very large reception was held at the Vivekananda Hall. Groups of relatives and friends came from Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang. The toast was proposed by the Rev. W. S. Reinoehl and other speeches were made by the Rev. C. D. Gnanamany, Messrs. S. Ponnampalam and N. Selverajah. Tributes were paid to the memory of the late Rev. M. R. Doraisamy who was pastor in Seremban for several years, and references were made to the talented and lovely bride who had had a successful career both in the School and Church. The bridegroom made a witty and impressive speech in reply.

THE PRUSSNERS HONOURED

"Highest Distinction" was the coveted rank which Garrett Biblical Institute wrote after the name of Fredrick Prussner who graduated on June 16th this year with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He was also awarded the "Swift Fellowship" amounting to $500 U.S.A. In August he will receive the M.A. degree from Northwestern University. Following that he expects to pursue his studies further in the University of Chicago. Those who remember Fred in his youthful schooldays in Sumatra will not be surprised at his success for he was even then always at the top.

At the Commencement exercises Fred's father, Dr. A. H. Prussner was also honoured when Garrett conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Twenty-five years before he had graduated from the Seminary and had received the same Fellowship which his son has now been given. It must have been one of the high moments for everyone present, but especially for the Prussner family to see father and son receive these degrees on the same platform.

A recent letter from the States brings the information that John Prussner will be in his senior year in College next year and Charles will be a Sophmore. Dorothy finished her first year in High School by having her name on the Honour Roll. The fact that her "English" grade was "A" when all of her preliminary school education had been in the Dutch language in Sumatra was what pleased her parents most. Such an achievement is remarkable. It would have been only fitting for some University to present Mrs. Prussner with the degree "Mother of the fine Art of Home-making" for the successes now coming to her children are in no small part due to her gracious influence in the home—a missionary home is one of the far-flung corners of the earth.

"Speak, See or Hear no Evil"

By Yong Yew Kim

"Speak no evil"—bear in mind,
Tempted when to be unkind!
Words, once spoken, spread afar—
Thistle like, ungoverned are.
Teach us, Lord, to speak the good
That's in others as we should!

"See no evil"—ever do
As this saying counsels you!
Evil sight sows evil thought,
Whether we know it or not.
Teach us, Lord, to see the good
That's in others as we should!

"Hear no evil"—let us take
As our motto for our sake!
Evil stories cannot spread
With no willing list'ners' aid.
Teach us, Lord, to hear the good
That's in others as we should!

Note:

Based on a Chapel talk given by Mrs. W. S. Reinoehl on 30th May 1941.
Readers may sing the above to the Tune of No. 18 in The Methodist Hymnal, or any other tune having the same metre.

Y.Y.K.

● *A Chapter from Life*

She Married No Angel

By Arthur Rugh

From "The Intercollegian" for May 1941

ONE Sunday morning while I was in the University I was sitting in church waiting for the service to begin. I looked across the room, attracted by a young lady who came in, took a seat. She was fine looking. That is the word, *fine*. She was well dressed. Her hair was especially fine and her hat was just right. At that moment, two trails came together.

We two were following parallel life trails. Both were headed for the mission field. There is a certain glow to life when youth is deeply devoted to Christ and his mission to men. It was in the light of that glow that we met and it is a good light under which to find your mate.

Will some one kindly define what you mean by "falling in love?" That experience is distinctly different from loving some one greatly. It is somehow related to the complementary natures of mates. Your life is unfinished, without rhythm, or something. You love many people and that helps; and then you fall in love with a kindred soul and life finds its rhythm. "Home is the hunter, home from the hill, and the sailor home from the sea." The orchestra is all there.

Just before we were married I had begun a study of the Book of Acts, and the morning of our wedding day I had come to the chapter which begins *"And after the tumult had ceased."* Quite so. That is what happens. Most of us are so patterned that the engine jumps and grinds and sputters until we have found another life which is the completion of ours and then "the tumult has ceased."

It's Not All Moonlight

Marriage is a fine source of discipline in life. It is an accepted principle in business and in government that a "double executive" situation will not work. Two people on the same job can not have final authority. I tried it once in a business project and the result was a muddled piece of work and a marred friendship. Happy married life does not include either party as final boss. It is not that kind of a partnership. Marriage does not carry with it any authority of position. The wife no longer promises to obey and the husband never did. That one should have the final word who has the clearest judgment or insight into the problem in hand. But who decides which judgment is the best one? Sometimes the answer is obvious, sometimes it isn't. Then one individual must agree to a procedure which has not won his or her approval. To do this with full co-operation and enthusiasm disciplines your soul.

I read a wise article on "Domestic Discord." The author said there were usually three causes—money, time and supervised telephone conversations. We solved the money problem. When and if there is any pay check "Mrs." gets it, pays the bills if she can, saves a little if she can against a rainy day. If anything is left we divide it—I to pay my debts and buy a new red necktie at Woolworths, she to get something to give away to somebody. That is a basic improvement over having your timid wife who earns half the pay having to ask you for a dollar for a hair-do.

The time factor we never solved; we are never ready at the same time to go anywhere. I know no solution.

The supervised telephone conversation—we solved that. When I am called to the phone I hold my other ear shut and can't hear anything; and when "Mrs." is wanted I go down street and don't come back for twenty minutes.

Happy marriage is not an accident but a great achievement at which both parties work with devotion. A lawyer with experience in divorce cases tells me that the danger of divorce cases is much increased when the wife works and has her own bank account. This is not an argument against the wife working, nor in favour of the husband having the only bank account. It is data in the direction of finding "zones of agreement" and it does help where both are working on the same job and adding to the same overdraft.

One of the real problems in married life is the metamorphosis of both parties in the play. Before marriage both dress their best, talk their best, are their best whenever they are together. Then one morning she sees him in pajamas that will go to the laundry Monday; he is shaving frantically, hoping to catch the 8:14 bus and grouching because they were out late to a cheap movie and he is going to be late at the office. Well, he is the same fellow, and grand too, but not quite so grand as he was at the Junior Prom. There are difficulties.

A sense of humour helps. The insurance agent asked Phagan how he explained his robust health at the age of ninety. Pat said, "Well, when we were married I promised that whenever she lost her temper I would get my hat and go for a walk until the storm was over, and I've lived quite an outdoor life; maybe that explains it."

As far as I know, the part that sex plays in happy married life has never been adequately written. It will require a generation which has been more wisely taught and has lived more wisely than our generation has, before that difficult function is fully answered in experience and in literature. Here is a factor in life more delicate than a harp, more powerful than a powder mine. It can be more beautiful than a Beethoven Symphony and more devasting than an August typhoon on the China coast.

This much is clear: when two Christians make a determined effort to develop habits of appreciating beauty, of reverencing souls, despising selfish brute urges, rejoicing only in what will bring joy to another person, then the ignorance and evils of sex lose their force and sex can be part of life on the highest heights.

But Worth Trying

Some of the greatest souls in history were never married and lived very effectively alone, but marriage does make a lot of difference in life. Marriage completes life or supplements it. Most of us were not meant to live

alone. For most of us life without marriage is like an orchestra with half of the essential instruments gone. It is like an organ with only the black notes playing. There is something essential happens to life when you have come to know another life perfectly; when there is no reserve, no pretense, when you are both exactly what you are and are sharing life fully; and when that other life which completes yours is to you the finest, strongest, loveliest life you have met, then that influences life.

Two folks put their all into a partnership—life, time, possessions, love, all—not to see how much each can get out of the partnership but how much each can win for the other. It is a spiritual experience—the integration of two souls in love. Its definition eludes our poor language.

In the great play *Cyrano de Bergerac* there is an unforgettable scene. Roxanne is on the balcony in the gloaming. Cyrano is below saying goodnight. Then this dialogue:

Roxanne—Are you still there? We were speaking of—

Cyrano—A kiss. The word is sweet!

What is a kiss when all is done?
A promise given under seal—a vow
Taken before the shrine of memory—
A signature acknowledged—a rosy dot
Over the i of loving—a secret of whispered
To listening lips apart—a moment made
Immortal, with the rush of wings unseen—
A sacrament of blossoms, a new song
Sung by two hearts to an old simple tune—
The ring of one horizon around two souls
Together, all alone!

So it is, and such is marriage when it is a spiritual experience. It is days made immortal with a rush of wings unseen, the ring of one horizon, the whole universe for you found in the other life which God created to complete yours, and yours to complete hers. And when marriage is that spiritual experience it enriches life and gives it depth and power and meaning.

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MARRIAGE

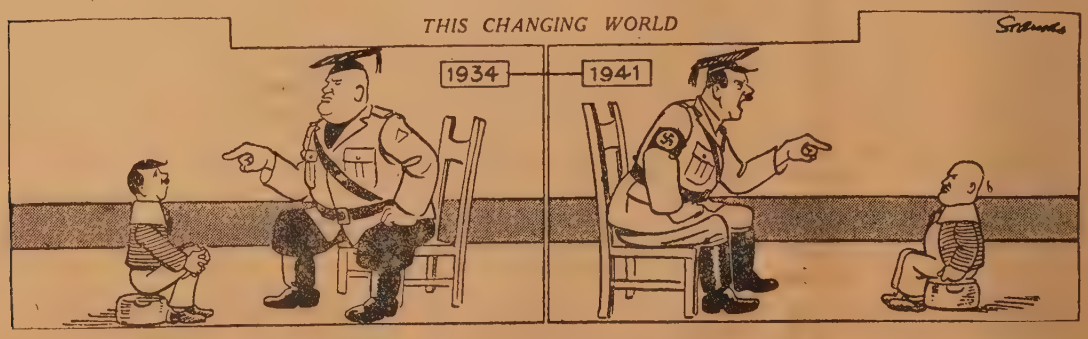
"I believe: (1) that monogamic marriage, a product of human experience that has attempted every possible male and female relation, is the highest type of marriage, rooted in human needs, and is the only type that is compatible with the conditions and incentives of American life; (2) that no form of trial marriage can help youth meet its premarriage problems, but instead, trial marriage is a menace to the idealism, ethical character, and feeling of commitment that successful marriage demands; (3) that although sex is a problem and an important part of marriage experience, it is not the chief value of marriage fellowship; (4) that sex adjustment is not a technique, but an achievement through a unique fellowship which involves the total personality of both the man and the woman—premarriage experience is no advantage but frequently is instead the chief cause of marriage maladjustment; (5) that modern American marriage assumes the equality of the sexes, and this equality forbids the double standard of morals before or after marriage; (6) that courtship is the American way of mating, and the greatest danger of its not functioning as such comes from an emphasis on the physical element in the man-woman association; (7) that hearsay, irresponsible misinformation, and half knowledge regarding marital adjustment, pregnancy, fertility, birth control, and other matters in this field that interest youth are causes of needless worry, fear, and often of tragedy, most of which can be prevented by the knowledge science gives; (8) that conscientious parenthood is not only desirable in marriage but through its opportunity for self-discipline, affection and fellowship is the most educating and maturing of human relationships."

Professor Ernest R. Groves, to his senior students in the course on Marriage, Sociology 62, at the University of North Carolina.

The World is a Child

By Sarah Cleghorn

The world is a bullied child,
Appalled, bewildered,
Exhausted, supperless,
Roared at and threatened
By drunken old War.
The world needs a cup of milk,
Warmed with kindness,
In a fireside corner,
On a low footstool;
A reassuring arm
And a homelike voice;
Quiet,
Comfort,
Mothering.
Where is the mother?
Call her, everybody!
Peace! Come home.



Our Boys and Girls

The Guard — St. Senan of Lismore

SENAN the Irishman lived fifteen hundred years ago, and of the place where he had his home, and the kind of home he had, we know very little indeed.

But we know that he was kind and helpful and peace-loving, and that he served his parents well. They had two farms, a long way apart, and when they moved from one to the other it was Senan who went beforehand to get things ready for them. When his mother was troubled with the fear of things going wrong, he would say to her: "Be at rest, mother; you shall have all things that are needful," for he believed in the power of God to help all those who trust in Him, and his belief he proved to be true. In those wild days the Irish tribes would often make a raid on their neighbours' territory and steal their grain and kill their cattle and burn their homesteads, and it happened one day that the chief of the tribe to which Senan belonged called his men together and ordered them to make a raid on the district of Corconnad. Senan went with them, since he was bound to go; but when they reached the place, he would not burn nor steal nor kill. He left the others and stole away into a little barn near by, and there he fell asleep. As he slept, the men to whom the barn belonged thought that they saw a blaze of fire in that direction, and thinking that it was the marauding army they came running, armed, to the fight. But all they found was a young man sleeping in the hay, and there was no fire to be seen anywhere.

Some of them would gladly have killed him, since he was a stranger, but the owner of the barn stayed their hands. They woke him and asked him who he was. And Senan answered peaceably that he was one of the men of the other tribe, and that he had neither friend nor kinsman in this part of the country. There he stood before them with no weapon but the truth of his speech, and no armour but the invisible power of God. "This is a man with the grace of God on him," they said, and they protected him and sent him on his way.

This was not the only time that Senan proved the power of God to deliver him, and he thought much about it. One day when he was driving his father's oxen across the lonely seashore by night the thought came to him: "I have lived this sort of life long enough; I will offer my life to God in prayer and praise and the service of the monks." So he broke his spear and made a cross out of it, and set it up by the shore, and there he bowed himself three times and made his vow. Then he joined the monks at Manach Dioichit.

The monks lived in tiny mud-walled huts thatched with straw and enclosed by a fence. There were two of these buildings which were larger than the rest, the church where they prayed, and the refectory where they ate together. There was also another building where their corn was dried and ground, a little way from the huts. Senan had the hair shaved from his forehead and put on a rough robe of homespun wool like the others, and settled down to his new life. Part of his time he spent in prayer and praise, part in reading the Bible and in learning the Psalms by heart. He read and learned many beautiful things from the holy Book, and these two sayings were often in his mind:

"Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him."

And every time he knelt in the church and heard the great Christian prayer in the Latin tongue, the Our Father, he must have thought especially on these words, "But deliver us from evil."

The rest of Senan's time was spent in the fields with the cows; or at work sowing and reaping the corn with which the monks made their bread. After evening prayers he would often go down to the little mill house where the corn was stored, and turn the heavy grindstone, working far into the night, and sometimes reading for awhile when he stopped work.

One year there was a famine in the land; the corn was poor and scarce, and the cattle had barely enough to eat. It was a bad time for everyone, and it was made worse by the fact that two robbers were abroad in the district, cruel, pitiless men, who would kill anyone if they thought they could get food by doing so. Now these men saw Senan go down to the mill night after night, and they said to one another: "We will kill that man when his grinding is done and take his flour so that we may have bread." So one dark night, when the other monks were safely in church or in their huts, the two robbers stole softly down to the place where Senan was grinding, and, creeping stealthily along, one of them put his eye to a hole in the door to see that he was safely there. He started back in dismay, and said to his companion: "There are two men in the mill instead of one! What shall we do now?" "Wait," his companion answered. "One of them is sure to go out first alone. We will kill him and steal his clothes, and then we will come back for the other." But they were very puzzled, for they had only seen one man go into the mill.

Once again in the night the robber looked through the door and noticed that Senan was asleep, but that his companion went on grinding and never slept at all. At last the morning came, and in the pale light of the breaking day Senan rose and opened wide the doors of the mill. The robbers stood outside, staring at him. For they saw through the open door that there was no other person in the mill. They spoke to him then, slowly and in fear: "Brother, who was with you in the mill while you slept?" And Senan answered them: "Do not be surprised if it was He of whom it is said, 'He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.'" "Who is He?" they enquired of him, and Senan answered: "He is close by, for is it not written, 'The Lord is night unto all them that call upon Him'?"

And the two robbers, full of awe at what they had seen, and ashamed of the deed they had intended to do,

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Write a letter to any boy or girl in another part of the British Empire describing how the War has affected you and those around you.

Eunice Thio, Std. VI, 1940.
(Born) October 14th, 1927.
393 Bukit Timah Road,
SINGAPORE,
Sept. 16th, 1941.

Dear Marcia,

As you are living in Australia, I am sure that you and your parents must be very perturbed over the War now raging in Europe and other parts of the world. We all hope that Britain will win so that there will be peace everywhere, even here in Asia. My parents read the newspapers everyday, both the morning and evening issues. They often discuss the news of the War at the dinner table, and we realize that Britain is fighting for freedom, freedom for herself and the Empire, and for smaller and weaker nations such as Czecho-Slovakia. Sometimes my parents go to friends' homes to listen to the radio news broadcast from London and San Francisco, for we do not as yet have a radio set of our own. When we go visiting, I find that the older people almost always talk of the War. Doubtless this is because the War affects their present and future, and employed. It is very hard to find em- so they cannot help but talk of it.

Last Sunday my mother and I went to pay my Grandfather a visit and on the way we passed through the city by the water-front. All along the sea-wall I saw barbed wire entanglements so that people can land only at certain places. I was told that this barbed wire fencing extends practically all along the coast with machine-gun posts here and there, so that Singapore is thus a fortress ready to withstand a siege. My father used to go to the Swimming Club, but he has stopped doing so now. He tells me that that place too has been fenced with barbed wire. Many sea pavilions have been broken down so that no enemy can land without being seen by our soldiers or volunteers. It looks as if the enemy will get it hot if he attacks Singapore.

There are other changes that have taken place in this island of ours. Nowadays men in uniform are a common sight, and there are many who have joined the A.R.P. and St. John's Ambulance. One uncle and aunt of mine are in the latter while another uncle is in the former. The soldiers have come from different parts of the Empire: from England, from your country, and Indian soldiers from India. Once in a while we see a string of military lorries passing along the road with soldiers or supplies. In the North there is the famous Naval Base and there must be warships over there, but nobody is allowed to go in without a pass. The R.A.F., too, is prominent. Now and then aeroplanes—fighters and bombers—roar and zoom over our heads. My father told me that twenty years ago there was only one aeroplane seen in Singapore and that was the one used by Sir Ross-Smith in his flight from England to Australia.

Blackout practices are a new experience for us in Singapore. Do you have such practices in your city? Over here they are getting to be quite frequent nowadays, and everybody has to put out lights when the siren is blown. From the verandah of my house I can watch the search-lights scouring the sky searching for aeroplanes. Now and then we can see A.R.P. wardens walking up and down the road with small torches in their hands, calling out to people to put out their lights.

Malaya, as you know, produces much rubber and tin, and both are important war materials. Merchants dealing in these products get a lot of trade and become rich. Contractors are busy building barracks for the soldiers. However, with all these exceptions, most people have been badly affected by the War. One chief effect is the increase in the prices of food and articles imported from abroad. But, the Government fortunately has instituted a food control bureau, so the prices have been kept down as much as possible. Profiteering is punished by law. I have been informed that many shops were closed because they were making too much profit. Still, food is more expensive than before as certain foodstuffs cannot be imported from certain countries. For example, canned foods from America and Canada, rice, milk, flour, sugar and othe foodstuffs cost more, and fruits too have increased in price, so that poor people cannot afford good food. We students too have to pay more for our exercise books because paper used to come chiefly from Norway and Finland.

There are also trade laws that prevent merchants from importing certain goods or exporting them to enemy countries. For instance, only a certain amount of silk sarongs or native dresses can be imported at one time, according to what is known as "quotas." Gunny bags or jute bags are not allowed to be exported to any country for fear that they might get to Germany. Some persons even find difficulty in sending things to friends or relations abroad.

Because of the war, the British Government does not wish us to send money abroad, and so parents find it difficult to send their sons or daughters to another country for further education. For this reason some students have been ordered by their parents to return.

Also students studying for the Senior Cambridge examination cannot study properly; for they fear that their papers may be lost, and their trouble and labour would be in vain. It is now not very safe to send anything, by air or by sea.

Many countries in Europe have been conquered by Hitler and so local firms depending on those countries have had to close down. For this reason, several of our friends have become unemployed. Other people, who have been working in German firms, also find themselves unployment in this time of War.

One of my cousins told me that her friends could not travel about much. Owing to the War, mines have been laid and there is the danger of the ship striking a mine. There is also the difficulty of travelling to other countries and getting back again because sometimes the authorities will not allow one to come back.

This war hinders communications. Letters go very slowly from Malaya to Europe. There is no direct air mail to Europe now. All letters are censored because they may contain information useful to the enemy.

To carry on the War, Great Britain and the Empire are spending millions of pounds every day. Every one is contributing to the War Fund. Concerts and other social functions are held and the proceeds sent to the War Fund.

In Europe, however, the people are suffering much more than we are here. So, when we compare these little patriotic duties we are doing with the dangerous work of the soldiers, sailors and airmen, and also the people in England who are willing to give up their lives for their

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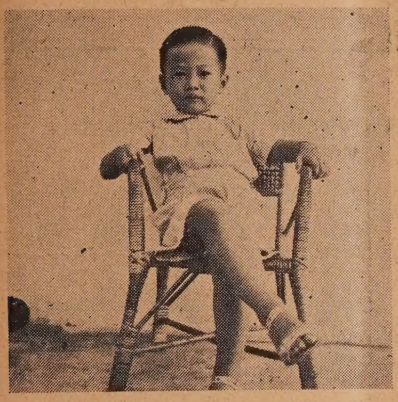

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James Fang, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Fang of Kuala Lumpur

The engagement is announced between Mr. Chan Peng Hong to Miss Molly Cheah both active members of the Klang Union Epworth League. Mr. Chan Peng Hong is the treasurer of the League and is attached to the Customs & Excise Department, Port Swettenham. Miss Molly Cheah, an enthusiastic Leaguer, is a teacher in the Government High School, Kajang.

Mr. Darel McFerren of Palembang, Sumatra, while attending the Teachers Training School held at Kisaran, was suddenly taken ill and operated on the 6th of July for appendicitis. Following his operation Mr. and Mrs. McFerren spent several weeks at Brastagi.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden B. Jenkins and children spent their school holidays at Maxwell Hill, Taiping, the latter part of June and early July. They returned to Medan, Sumatra, in time for Mr. Jenkins to attend the session of the Mission Conference held at Kisaran.

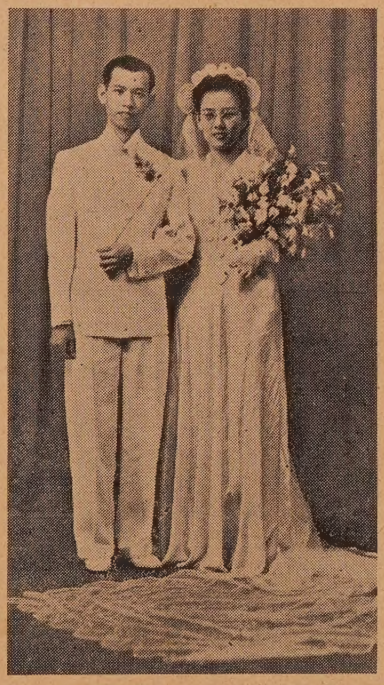
Miss Carolyn Judd, Principal of the Methodist Girls School, Medan, Sumatra, spent the month of June at the Nest, Maxwell Hill, and also visited friends in various places in Malaya flying back to Medan from Singapore on the 7th of July.

Dr. Paul B. Means has been appointed as Head of the Department of Religion at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. For the past two years he has been connected with the Department of Philosophy at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Means have been doing a great deal of speaking in churches and schools representing the work of the Methodist Church in Malaya and Sumatra. Mrs. Means has likewise been very busy as chairman of a committee for the collection of clothing for the refugees in Shanghai. Their children are well and happy in their school work and church programmes.

Mr. Lyman B. Terry is teaching Spanish at Washington State University and working for his Master of Arts degree.

Miss Julia Chen, eldest daughter of the Rev. Andrew K. T. Chen, has been in the U.S.A. since 1937 studying at the American University at Washington, D.C. She received her Master's Degree in 1938 and in June of this year her Doctorate in Philosophy having done her work in History. She has been called by Fukien University to head their Department of History and will begin her new work there in September.

Mr. Martin C. C. Chen of Singapore and Miss Ho Mee Ging, formerly of Sibu, Sarawak, were united in marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. C. Chen

on Saturday, July 5th. in the Foochow Methodist, Church, Singapore. The Rev. Hong Hang Keng, District Superintendent, officiated, assisted by the groom's father, the Rev. Andrew K. T. Chen. A reception was held in the church hall afterwards attended by the many guests who had more than filled the church sanctuary during the service. Mr. Chen is in Government Service and attached to the Special Branch. He is the third son of Mr. Andrew Chen.

Miss Geraldine Johnson, Principal of the Fairfield Girls' School, Singapore, sailed for America on furlough on June 17th. She had expected to leave about the end of July, but the change in boat schedules required an earlier and very abrupt departure. Miss Johnson has completed one term of service in Malaya, having served in both Penang and Singapore.

A cable received on July 23rd stated that the Misses Carrie Kenyon, Lois Rea, Elsa Youngdahl and a Mr. Dudley Ingerson have sailed for Malaya.

Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee and Dr. R. L. Archer returned on July 24th from a twenty day sojourn in Sumatra taking part in a School for Batak teachers (gurus) and the Annual Mission Conference.

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The Late Miss S'ng Choon Neo

After months of suffering, Miss S'ng Choon Neo passed away at her house on the morning of May 5th, 1941. She was member of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Penang, Staff, on a superscale appointment. She gave over twenty years of service as a teacher in the school. As a pupil, she lived at Winchell Home, with her sisters and her mother Mrs. S'ng Lim Cheow S'ng, known as Bee Bee, who was at that time matron at the Mission Boarding School for girls.

Born in Singapore, 24th May, 1902, Miss S'ng Choon Neo was educated largely in Penang, and joined the A.C.G.S. Staff in 1918, later qualifying as a Class II teacher. History and

Miss S'ng Choon Neo

Hygiene in Cambridge Classes were her favourite subjects. From 1932 onwards she was Associate Editor of the School Magazine. Her professional interest led her to study music, typewriting, and various courses offered by the Education Department. In 1928, she went to England on leave, returning to Malaya with the Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Pykett, whose kindness was particularly manifest when Miss Choon Neo was a typhoid patient in a nursing home. Her friend, Miss Mah Lia, also studying in England at the time, nursed her through this critical illness.

Upon her return to Penang, this brilliant young teacher decided to give up her ambition to become a lawyer, in order to devote much of her time and salary to the maintenance of the home, where she mothered her nieces from their early childhood. Her devotion to these girls continued until her death, and her will has provided for their education through college. They in turn have been most loyal to her, and one of them took care of her throughout her long illness. Her life was undoubtedly prolonged by the famous specialist in Batavia, Dr. Van der Pleats.

Of Miss S'ng Choon Neo, a former pupil has written to one of the sisters, Mrs. Looi Chee Eng, as follows: "I do not know how to express my sorrow..... I shall never forget her kindness."

A fellow-teacher writes from Singapore: "May you all find comfort in the thought that your dear sister has led a short, useful, and a good Christian life."

On Good Friday, a communion Service was held in the home. The Sacrament was administered to the family by the Rev. Mr. C. D. Patterson. This greatly strengthened her faith in God's loving care. During those last few hours of consciousness, when a haemorrhage was gradually seeping her life away, prayer upheld her. In the early morning, the patient asked for the family to assemble. She gave a memento to each, and said, "Now I do not want to stay here any more. I am going to be with Jesus." Lines of suffering disappeared, and peace lighted her face.

On Tuesday 6th May, the funeral was held at the Wesley Church, of which she had been a member for many years. Mr. Patterson, assisted by the Rev. Timothy Huang, officiated. The entire staff and many girls ofthe Upper School attended. Floral offerings were profuse.

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Our Schools

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country, we should not grumble. We know that with all this co-operation, the struggle will end in a victory for Britain and her allies, because Great Britain is fighting for the right.

With best wishes, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
EUNICE THIO.

THOUGHTLESS LAUGHTER

Irrepressible laughter can be harmful sometimes. I was told time and time again by my parents not to laugh when visitors call for they might mistake my spontaneous laughter for insult.

One day a newcomer spent a few days at our house, and as usual I laughed over trivial amusing incidents. My mother did her best to suppress my habit but it got the better of me in spite of myself. For the first few days the visitor was not aware of my annoying habit but on the fourth day, something funny occurred and I broke into laughter. And that finished me. The visitor was hurt and my mother and brother were hurt because of my apparent rudeness. They gave me the most stinging scolding. I deserved it thoroughly. From that day I learnt that jovial laughter and thoughtless laughter were two different things.

ROSELYN AMIRTHAM,
Std. VII B, A.C.G.S., Penang.

TO YOU THEY ARE COMMONPLACE.....

Bullock-carts are rarely found in England. I do not know why they compel my interest. Perhaps it is because I have never seen a jog-trot more small-like than that of a bullock. I often stand at a convenient place and watch them sauntering along.

The rikishaw is another novel thing. Anyone who has just arrived from a country that does not have rikishaws might easily think that the step was the seat as I did. What a sight I would make if I had actually sat on the step with my legs dangling between the shafts.

I often mistake an Indian man who has let his hair grow fairly long for a woman, because of his sarong. A sari draping the form of a tall Indian lady is a perfect picture.

In England, women do not help in building houses by carrying loads of bricks and sand. I wonder why Chinese women, small in frame, can take up such strenuous work. My greatest disappointment has been finding Chinese boys and girls without pigtails. It used to be my delight to study pictures of Chinese children who wore pigtails.

Since living in Malaya, I have come to understand Oriental girls. After all, they are not so very different from English girls.

DIANA RICHEY,
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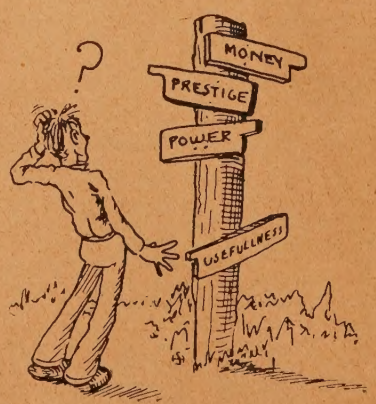

Grin & Bear'em

'Twixt the optimist and the pessimist
The difference is droll:
The optimist sees the doughnut
While the pessimist sees the hole.

"Don't you know that you can't sell bonds without a license?"

"I knew I couldn't sell any, but I didn't know the reason."

Tourist: My, what a beautiful sunset this is!

Native: Yeah, not bad for a small place like this, is it?

A Scotchman, learning that a certain doctor charged five dollars for the first visit and only two dollars for the second, walked into the doctor's office one day and said:

"Well, doctor, here I am again."

"I don't remember you," replied the doctor. "At any rate, how are you feeling?"

"Not at all well, doctor; not at all well," moaned the Scotchman.

"Just continue your last prescription for another week, then. Ahem—that'll be two dollars, please."

Some educators think the average schoolboy is well reflected in this classic letter one boy wrote:

"Dear Parents:

"We are having a good time now at school. George Jones broke his leg coasting and is in bed. We went skating and the ice broke and all got wet. Willie Brown nearly drowned. Most of the boys here are down with influenza. The gardener fell into our cave and broke his rib, but he can work a little now. Yesterday I broke my front tooth playing football. We are very happy."—*From "The Laughter Library."*

He arrived late at the golf club.

"It was really a toss-up whether I should come here or go to the office," he explained. Then he added thoughtfully, "I had to toss up fifteen times."

"You want me to lend you fifty cents so that you can go to the movies? Why, I never go to the movies myself."

"Then lend me a dollar and I'll take you."

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Our Boys and Girls

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went back with Senan to the monastery that day, and became his brother monks, and served God faithfully all the days of their lives.

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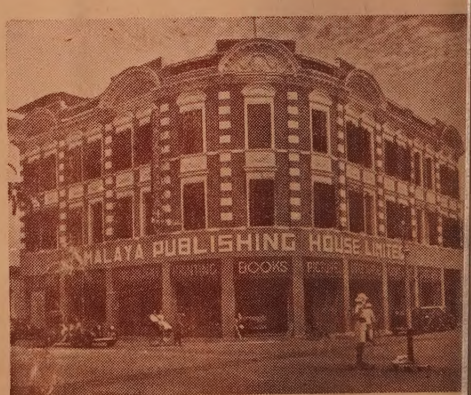

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